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Join UMC's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social on Fri., Aug. 18 – 3 to 5 p.m.

By Elizabeth Tollefson on Tuesday, August 1, 2006CROOKSTON, MN (Aug. 1, 2006) – Free ice cream, children's storytime, music, prizes, and family fun are on tap for the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social during Crookston's annual Ox Cart Days celebration. The event which includes the first round of the Crookston Idol competition will take place on Friday, Aug. 18 from 3 to 5 p.m. near the Peterson Gazebo on the Campus Mall.

"Ox Cart Days provides Crookston and the surrounding area a chance to celebrate its heritage, and the faculty and staff at UMC are looking forward to hosting the community as part of this year's Everyday Heroes celebration," UMC Director of Communications Krista Lemos said. "Everyone is invited to campus for the festivities."

Along with the ice cream social, music will be provided by the Valley Fiddlers under the direction of Val Buchmeier, orchestra director at the Crookston High School. The UMC Bookstore will host a storytime and signing by Chee-Chee, children's author and illustrator from Fertile, Minn. She will read her story *The Enchanted Garden*, among others and have autographed copies for sale. The bookstore will be giving away free balloons and selling T-shirts for \$6.99 to encourage everyone to celebrate Maroon & Gold Fridays throughout the year. Families can enjoy the wide array of books and apparel available in the store which will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Displays by a number of campus departments will be available on the mall as well, and prizes will be given away during the afternoon. At 4:30 pm., the first round of Crookston Idol gets underway. To learn more about the events taking place during Ox Cart Days, visit [www.visitcrookston.com](http://www.visitcrookston.com)

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